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NORTHWEST PAKISTAN

Suicide bomb kills minister on Eid day

AFP, Peshawar

A suicide bomber killed at least eight people including a provincial law minister after breaking into his home in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, officials said.

Israr Ullah Gandapur, law minister for the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, was meeting constituents in his home village of Kulachi when the bomber struck, provincial health minister Shaukat Yousafzai told AFP.

More than 25 people were also wounded in the attack, which occurred on the first day of the Islamic festival of Eid-ul-Azha, he added.

Gandapur is the most senior member of former cricket star Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI) to be killed in a wave of attacks which have left hundreds of people dead in recent months.

Yousafzai, the health minister, said the suicide bomber had managed to break into the area despite "very tight security".

The attack was later claimed by little-known militant group Ansarul Mujahideen in a phone call to AFP.

"It was revenge for the martyrdom of some of our mujahideen," Abu Baseer, a spokesman for the group said, referring to the killing of militants during a daring jailbreak in July.

Taliban militants armed with guns, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and bombs bombarded the prison in the town of Dera Ismail Khan, before escaping with some 250 inmates after a three-hour shootout that left 13 dead.

Wednesday's attack involved 8-10 kilograms of locally made explosive, Inayat Ullah, a bomb disposal expert, told AFP.

Gandapur won his seat as an independent from the village of Kulachi, near the city of Dera Ismail Khan, which borders the country's lawless tribal regions where the Taliban and al-Qaeda have carved out strongholds.

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In holiday mood, city dwellers throng Hatirjheel in the capital yesterday on the weekend following Eid holidays.

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NEXT JS POLLS

Prof Yunus for participation of all parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus on Thursday urged the government to hold the upcoming general elections with the participation of all political parties.

"We do not want chaos in the country. We want to cast our votes in a peaceful environment. We will not allow the election if all the parties do not take part in it," he said.

Prof Yunus was addressing a gathering of female enthusiasts in arts, literature and education arranged by Nobel Joyi Yunus Suhrid (Friends of Nobel laureate Yunus) at the Ladies Club in the port city.

He said, "We do not want to find ourselves in hard times again, rather want to live in peace within the law."

Terming the country's condition very bad, he said everybody was in fear of what would happen after October 25.

The Nobel laureate urged the government to take effective measures to remove all confusion among the people while there is still time.

Criticising the Awami League-led government's moves

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PRAYER TIMING			October 19
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat	
4:50	5:25		
Zohr	12:45	1:15	
Asr	4:00	4:15	
Maghrib	5:38	5:41	
Esha	7:15	7:45	
Source: Islamic Foundation			

Sleep cleans brain

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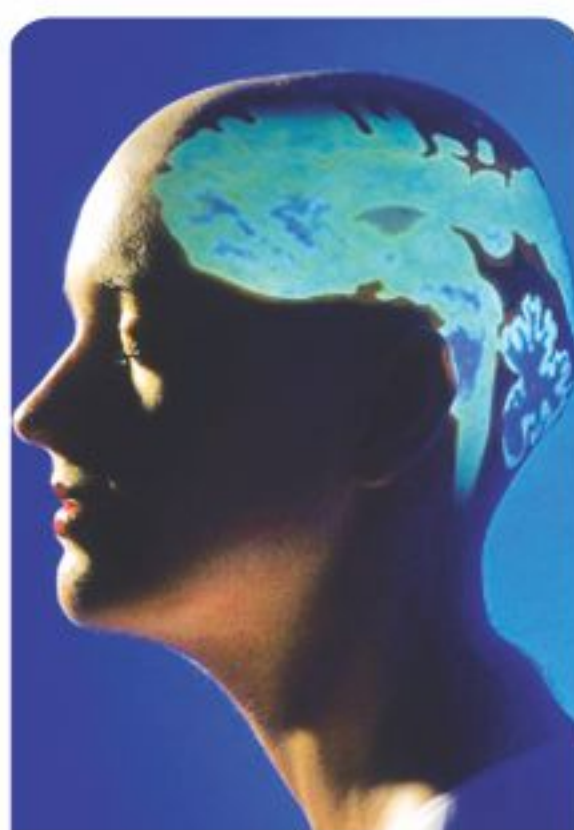
The brain uses sleep to clean away waste toxins that have collected during the day, a new study has shown.

The brain uses the time we spend asleep to remove all the waste that builds up when we are awake, much like a "garbage removal system", the US based scientists found.

A team at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) for Translational Neuromedicine now believe this waste removal system is one of the fundamental reasons for why we sleep.

The study, published today in the journal

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BEFORE '71 LIBERATION WAR

Nixon branded envoy to India as a traitor

PTI, Washington

Reluctant to hear anything against then Pakistan president Gen Yahya Khan and his army ahead of the Liberation War, 1971, the then US President Richard Nixon branded his own envoy to India as a "traitor" and an "Indian mouthpiece", says a new book based on declassified documents.

In fact, Nixon wanted to fire Kenneth B Keating, the then US ambassador to India,



because he refused to toe his line and instead had the courage and strength to speak the truth to the president that his closest ally Pakistan was indulging in a genocide, says the book "The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide".

The book is authored by Gary Bass, who is a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University.

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18TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF

LATE ALHAJ JAHURUL ISLAM



The 18th death anniversary of the founder Chairman of Islam Group Alhaj Jahurul Islam is being observed today.

A Doa mahfil will be held at his birth place Bhagalpur, at 11:30 a.m, October 19, 2013. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the Doa mahfil and pray for his eternal peace.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad that there will be a political consensus over the election-time government in the coming days?

Yes (30%)

No (70%)

TOTAL VOTES: 333

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the main opposition BNP and its alliance will accept Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's proposal to form an all-party election-time government?

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